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Lutheran Hospital for the Chronically Ill

The architect's sketch of the first hospital for the chronically ill in the Lehigh Va (near Bethlehem, Pa.) was released recently by Henry L. Snyder, president of the Muhlenb Medical Center. Plans call for two buildings, each with a bed capacity of 100. One of units will be part of the immediate $6½-million project which will also include a gen hospital and chapel. The other chronic unit will be added at an early date. The long-ra Muhlenberg Medical Center program will include a school of nursing, homes for gradu and student nurses, and a professional building. The building in the foreground is the cha and a portion of the general service wing may be seen at the right.

The need for hospital facilities for the chronically ill in the Lehigh Valley is becom steadily more critical. Recent surveys disclosed that at least 175 beds, vitally needed for acutely ill, are now occupied by chronically ill patients.

The new Muhlenberg Medical Center will be located on a 40-acre site near Route 22 T way in northeast Bethlehem. A fund-raising campaign to obtain a portion of the fu necessary is presently in the planning stage. The balance of the cost will be provided Government grants. The campaign schedule calls for the public phase of the appeal to held in June.

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't Can Be Done!

TITUS SCHOLL

"Is it ever wonderful to have a live men's group in the church!"

Just about any church can have a successful men's group.

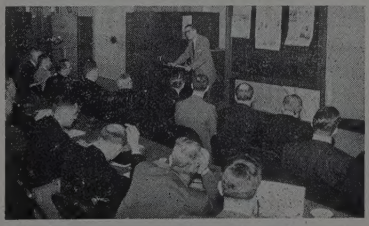
By "successful men's group" we an one whose meetings are well at- ded, whose programs are stimulat- , whose running is done by the n and not by the pastor, and whose jectives are in keeping with the ic aspirations of the church.

You may say this is a rather sweep- g thesis, for while the women's rch groups succeed universally, s of thousands of men's church ups fall flat on their faces peren- lly. It's a sad, true tale of the rch and her male ingredient.

The rule notwithstanding, let it be eated still more incisively: Any rch can have a spanking good n's organization. Admittedly it's a gh job but there are proportionate npensations. Here's how it's being ne at St. Timothy's church in uquerque.

First of all, the pastor wanted it lly. And so did enough others. But best laymen invariably encounter igh-insurmountable job getting a otherhood rolling where the pastor indifferent or only mildly interest- He has got to be sold. He has got get in there and pitch, especially in the organization and the selection of personnel. Later on, incidentally, it's equally important that he be intelligent enough to stay in the background, letting the laymen bathe in the limelight.

In our Brotherhood, the president is made aware that he is responsible for the total operation. He holds the reins of the twenty-mule team. He sees that the other officers and committee chairmen do their well-defined jobs. He, of course, presides at the business part of monthly meetings,



Members conduct the meetings.

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but the greater part of each meeting is in charge of the program committee chairman. The president, like the pastor, should often step into the background while others step to the fore.

The executive committee plans the work.

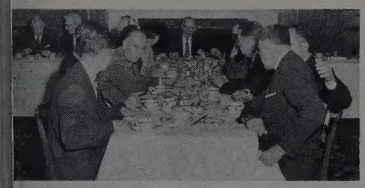
The program committee is all important. It has the heaviest responsibility for meetings proper. It is composed of men of vivid imagination. They intuitively know what subjects will hold interest and what men about town will make good speakers. They know a good audio-visual from a mediocre one. They are familiar with service club techniques and will employ the good ones. They insist upon starting on time and stopping well before boredom sets in. Name tags are readied for every man; thus no man will risk forgetting that new fellow's name. Every moment of the 7:30 to 9:00 P.M. span is scheduled precisely. Key participants know what to say, when to say it, and how long they have to say it in. *Business is kept to a minimum; it's been pre-digested and well thought out by the executive committee a week prior to the meeting. It is not railroaded.* Unexpected items which threaten to lengthen the business portion of the meeting are referred to the prop committee. New men and guests a taken in tow for introductions to o timers and may wind up playi Ping-Pong, shuffleboard, or darts b fore the dinner begins.

Programming months ahead hel tremendously; it cuts down on co mittee meetings, inspires confiden and even awe in the group. They lo to feel that things are planned f them in advance; they'll make the own plans accordingly. The pia signals the men to be seated. A pep hymn is sung. Grace is offered. good meal is served. Several son some tricky—many of them with church-related twist to them—a sung while dishes are cleared. Dess is served.

The speaker is introduced. doesn't ramble on as long as pleases; politely he is given to und stand when originally engaged th he has 20 or 30 minutes, as the ca may be, followed by 15 minutes open discussion. The program cha man politely brings matters, speak wise, to a close at the scheduled tim The speaker is thanked and applaud lavishly by the rising group and arranged previously, then leaves this point. Of course he stays if pleases.

Men Prepare Dinner

Dinner is an absolute. We reas thus: Man, the breadwinner, is aw from home all day. As ever-preser at home makes Mama easy prey f teas, shopping, evening meetin and assorted gallivanting at the dr of a hint, so absence from ho makes Dad, after a big evening me reach for his slippers and slide bli fully into the old easy chair befo



e TV set. Once there ensconced, ou couldn't budge him with six hite horses. *Tip: You got to keep m from arriving home in the first ace on the night of the meeting.* inner at church is the answer! nce there, he loves it.

Our dinners are prepared by our on men. A lot of them kind of ake" to it; moreover, it gives them job to do and this lends pride. Then ain, poking fun at a male cook, or aiter, or dishwasher, provide year- und merriment in the gathering. *Movement—no awkward gaps—is essential element of any good eeting.* Detailed, painstaking plan- ng and smooth execution by men the helm guarantee this. Planned spontaneous horseplay from the hole group can contribute to the me end.

Business Kept to Minimum

The business of the evening fol- ws the speaker. As implied pre- ously, it must be kept to a mini- um. Then may come the devotions. he "may come" refers to the order which it comes, not to whether it should come at all. The Brotherhood is part of the church. Every part of the church is concerned, essentially, with the Lord's will and work. *So the topic of the month from our ever-finer "Lutheran Men," plus discussion and prayer, are absolutes.* We see to it that our best men are in charge of the devotions periods. The pastor sits and listens to his lay men preach and pray. It's good for him.

What about money? We pass the plate for a free-will offering for the meal. Average gift is $1.00, which generally makes us a modest profit. We are not particularly interested in profits, though. *At the time of devotions we pass the plate again. This offering, it is explained without apology, is used to pay dues to the synodical and national Brotherhood and it's also for projects for the local organization.* For example, to help subsidize the Boy Scout troop's monthly news sheet, or to help send a boy back to the Valley Forge national jamboree, or to send Luther Leaguers 400 miles to camp in Colorado, or to buy gifts for men in the armed services or in local hospitals, or to buy new Ping-pong paddles, or to send representatives to the synodical Brotherhood convention.

Good speakers and fine meals won't do the job in the long run. There must be worth-while projects

Cover Photo

Paavo Patokoski and his family pray in Messiah Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore., after nning his 10-year fight to establish his American citizenship. The Finnish-born contractor s helped in his fight by members of the church, which he designed and built. His father me to this country as a young man and was naturalized before returning to Finland. While Finland, the son fought in the Finnish army against Russia and voted in the Finnish ctions. Because of those activities, the American government maintained that Mr. Patokoski d lost his citizenship. Mr. Patokoski contended that he did not konw that he was an nerican. After coming to the United States he fought in the courts to establish his rights until federal court ruled that he had never given up the citizenship he did not know he had.

too, geared to the Gospel and church doctrine. *This is the work of our projects and service committee.* We sponsor a scout troop. We send 35 gifts to old men in Tabitha Home in Nebraska. We'll sponsor a series of mid-week extra-Lent church services. We'll enter our men's softball team in a church league. We sponsor a little league in a teen-agers team. We'll have the scouts and scouters as our guests. We'll prepare and serve a mother-daughter banquet, and hint that a reciprocal arrangement for a father-son banquet would be lovely. We'll have ladies' night. *We'll devote one meeting to a joint affair with other local Brotherhoods.*

Men don't just keep coming. You have got to keep beating the bushes. This is the work of the *promotion and membership committee.* The chairman is adept at writing newspaper publicity. He stations a corps of men at the church door on two Sundays before the fourth Tuesday, who in turn buttonhole men as they come to the services and as they leave, securing their reservations. He

There is an outside speaker.

sometimes prepares and mails out all men an attractive flyer compl with drawings and assorted "raz dazzle." He organizes a phoning c mittee. He promotes the idea of viting new men to our meetings. of the 55 present at a recent meeti incidentally, were non-members daily work alongside our men.

The detail in this report is a g indication of the fine planning must go into any Brotherhood is to be worth its salt. But it wo *And, Brother, is it ever wonderfu have a live men's group in church.* The women, bless them, wonderful, no doubt about it, give me a church with men in the

The following men's groups are the largest reported during 1956. We not on hope that these units will increase their membership during 1957 but that other uni will crowd them for a spot in the big ten.

The Big Ten

1.	First, Glendale, Cal., PSW	269 men
2.	First, Pittsburgh, Pg.	100
3.	St. Paul's, Lititz, CP	88
4.	Trinity, Pottsville, Pa., MP	86
5.	St. Matthews, Charleston, SC	82
6.	Trinity, Taneytown, Md.	80
7.	Immanuel, Manchester, Md.	79
8.	Memorial, Harrisburg, Pa., CP	77
9.	Aaronsburg Charge, Millheim, Pa., CP	76
10.	Luther Place B.C., Washington, D.C., Md.	75
10.	St. John's, Salisbury, N. C.	75

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The Topic for June

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ow Much Propaganda Have You Swallowed?

BY LEO OBERLEITER

ll of us are in the "no-man's-d" of a psychological war, the aim which is to conquer the mind of n. Using highly developed methods propaganda, pressure groups are cing to create a mass-mindedness vhich the individual is submerged he group. The God-created image he individual is to be lost to the ıp pattern of behavior.

erhaps this is nothing new. In e Odyssey" Homer tells of similar rts. He relates how sirens, through r singing, attempted to draw sail- off their course of navigation. ned by Circe, Ulysses put wax the ears of his sailors and or- d himself bound to the mast of boat so he could not be swayed he music. Remember also Heine's lei, sitting on a cliff above the e River.

our present age, aims and phi- hies are being worked overtime emove choice and decision. We not only spoon-fed. We receive intravenous feedings. The social revolution of our age, together with the varieties of mass communication, have created a modern Babel. As a result, many of us are in danger of losing our concept of faith and life.

Tools and Methods

Propaganda employs one most efficient tool called "the slogan." The origin of the word is Gaelic—*Slaughchairn.* Its original purpose was to inspire members of the tribe to fight in the tribe's defense.

Today the slogan has become the "shorthand" of the propagandist. Press, radio and television repeat slogans over and over. Verbal bullets are fired day and night into the American mind.

We are told which cigarette to smoke and how many thousand filters are in each. We are informed of the best breakfast food. We are told about the best car, the best soap, the best beer, and the best booze. No wonder so many are neurotic.

Let's take a look at a few slogans created in our century. In the Woodrow Wilson era we heard that "he kept us out of war" and that we must "make the world safe for democracy." Remember the "New Deal" of Frank-

Author

32 years, Dr. Leo Oberleiter was pas- Zion Lutheran Church, Oshkosh, Wis., ngregation of the American Lutheran h. On Jan. 15, 1957 he was scheduled er the chaplaincy service for Lutheran for the Aged, Fond du Lac, Wis.

lin D. Roosevelt and the "Fair Deal" of Harry Truman.

Recall these words: "Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign war." . . . "We must be the arsenal of democracy." . . . "There are no atheists in fox holes." . . . "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." Slogans, slogans, slogans.

"Share the wealth," cried Huey Long, promising every family an annual income of $5,000. "Soak the rich," intoned the melodious voice over the radio. And a high tenor sang in between, "We will spend and spend, tax and tax, elect and elect."

The American imagination responds to "Pearl Harbor," "New Deal," "liberty," "democracy," "capital," "labor," "United Nations," "socialism," "comunism," "fascism," "McCarthyism."

Russians, no doubt, react emotionally when they hear "Leni "bolshevism," "imperialism," "ca talism," "the West."

A struggle for the American mi is still taking place. We hear mu of "state's rights," "segregatio "the Arabs," "the Palestine questio Social questions have risen on horizon: "Social security," "the fa problem," "youth delinquency," " labor problem."

Propaganda in the Fields of Religion

When a government wants to c vince its citizens of the necessity war, it must arouse their patrio devotion. It must convince them the wickedness of the enemy and the righteousness of their own cau Often the church is perverted int tool of propaganda.

Such a perversion is aided by similarity of the symbols of nation ism and Christianity. This is i mediately apparent if the symbols placed in parallel columns:

The flag	The cross
The constitution	The Bible
Declaration of Independence	Sermon on the Mo
Tradition of the fathers	Sacred traditions i theology
Patriotic slogans	Holy words and phrases
Patriotic songs	Hymns
Uniforms	Gowns, surplices, vestments
Patriotic parades	Religious processio
Hero worship	Adoration of saint

(For fuller development of t theme, see *Essays on Nationalism* D. J. Hayes. Macmillan, New Yo 1926. Chapter IV.)

The remarkable success of pro ganda aimed at the clergy duri World War I is indicated by the su port given the war by almost all religious groups in the nation.

Topic Aims

1. To lead the men to a recognition of the agencies, techniques, and motivations involved in mass persuasion.

2. To provide the men with Christian standards for use in evaluating the pressures brought upon them.

Worship

Hymn: "God of Our Fathers" or "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Scripture: James 5: 1-6, or the Epistle of St. Paul to Philemon

Prayer:

Gracious Father: We, thy children, so often confused, lived at cross purposes in our central aims, and hence we are at cross purposes with each other. Take us by the hand and help us to see things from thy viewpoint, that we may see them as they really are. We come to choices and decisions with a prayer upon our lips, for our wisdom fails us. Give us thine, that we may do thy will. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Prayer by Peter Marshall, U. S. Senate, April 3, 1947.)

Psalm 1 (Read in unison)

The Lord's Prayer

The Apostolic Benediction

Hymn: "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

"It is neither a travesty nor exaggeration to call this war on the part of America a truly holy war," Henry Churchill King, president of Oberlin College, wrote. (*President Wilson and the Moral Aims of the War.* Edited by Fredrich Lynch. Page 71.) "The man who is disloyal to the flag is disloyal to Christianity. The state must be obeyed under pain of incurring the guilt of mutiny against God," John E. Wickham, superior of the New York Apostolic Fathers, wrote in the *New York Times* on Dec. 3, 1917. "We must keep the flag and the cross together, for they are both working for the same ends," James Vance of the Presbyterian church declared in the *Christian Century* of Sept. 20, 1917.

The excesses that propaganda reached is illustrated by a quotation from a paper entitled, ironically, *The Advocate of Peace.* It was published in May, 1917.

"We must help in the bayoneting of the normally decent German soldier," the paper stated, "in order to free him from a tyranny which he at present accepts as his chosen form of government.

"We must lend our help in widowing a good-hearted and kindly German woman in order to save her and her children from the evils of a government which she identifies with Fatherland and which she otherwise quite understands.

"We must aid in the starvation and emaciation of a German baby in order that he, or at least his more sturdy little playmate, may grow up to inherit a different sort of government from that for which his father dies."

Methods of Propaganda

Everett Dean Martin points out the difference between "destructive" and "constructive" propaganda as follows:

"Although the educator and the propagandist are both concerned with the dissemination of information, they have nothing else in common. They use contrary methods and they strive for opposite goals. The propagandist is interested in what people think. The propagandist has a definite aim. He strives to convert, to sell, to secure consent, to prove a case, to support one side of an issue. He is striving for an effect. He wishes people to come to a conclusion, to accept his case, and to close their minds and act.

"The educator strives for the open mind. He has no case to prove which may not later be revised. He is willing to consider, to be experimental, to hold his conclusions tentatively."

(*The Meaning of Liberal Education.* Norton, New York, 1926. Chapter 3.)

Max Lerner, in the light of the development of modern propaganda, sees ideas as weapons. "Ideas are necessary weapons," he writes. "But

School on Race Relations

The Board of Social Missions, ULCA, is sponsoring a School on Race Relations at Wittenberg College, June 24-28, 1957. This is an implementation of the ULCA's action at Harrisburg on desegregation. Brotherhood men are encouraged to register for the school. Cost for the school is $5 per person per day. Further information is available: Dr. Harold Letts, 231 Madison Ave., New York 16, N.Y.

they will be effective as weapons only if the use to which they are put are life-affirming. Its craftsmen in ideas have a belief in the possibilities of human society and a sense of the dignity of ordinary people, that will be the best safeguard of those intimate standards of validity which we call science and truth."

(*Ideas as Weapons*. Viking Press, New York, 1939. Page 12.)

Two fundamental philosophies of life confront all of us. The one is philosophy of force, which promises security. The other asserts the dignity of the individual, which results in personal responsibility.

The philosophy of *force* faces the philosophy of facts and *truth*. Fortunately, the common man has a sense of truth within himself which sooner or later recognizes the truth. Propaganda is eventually seen as watered-down truth or as a blatant falsehood.

The choice between the two rests within the will that is guided by the adopted standards of morals and the laws of God, nature, and society. Basic standards of God are found in scripture, and basic standards of the nation are found in the law and constitution of our country. On such foundations rest the welfare of society and religion, the future of the state, and the morals of the community. Here we are guided by our faith in God and man. Here we reject the slogans of propagandists. We reject primary allegiance to parties and powers, political as well as religious, and permit "Eternal vigilance" to b come our slogan in the defense of o basic institutions.

The home, the school, the churc and the state are our inheritanc They do not need any propagand They call only for propagation. The preservation becomes our missio The Brotherhood in its fourfold pl has pledged through devotion, educ tion, service, and fellowship to star ready for their defense as well as f the preservation of faith and trut

Guideposts for Topic Discussio

1. In the American way of li "public opinion" is a means of e pressing the will of the communit Along with law, religion, and ed cation, it is the chief instrument control. Enactment and enforceme of law and adoption and executi of educational policies, are depende on "public opinion."

2. Propaganda can deeply distu our way of life. Propaganda, by usi slogans and symbols and by emplo ing endless repetitions, appeals to t emotions of people.

3. Because the church is awake ing to the dangers of propaganda, is alerting its members to the task bringing Christian principles into t relationships and activities of ma associated life in the fields of edu tion, economics, politics, morals, a culture. We call it "social actio

4. We have three types of Christi social action which can cripple fa propaganda:

a. Corporate action. In this t

What One Man Can Do

There is the barber in Texas who gives the first dollar he makes every day to (Methodist) church, and as a result of asking every stranger he meets about his religi affiliation, has been the key man in bringing 225 new members into the church.

James W. Hoffman, in **Mission: U.S.A.,** Friendship Pr

church enters the arena of conflict. (Crime, alcohol, etc.)

b. The training and motivation of the members of the church to a consciousness of their responsibility as citizens.

c. The use of the press, radio, television, and the participation in community councils, P.T.A. meetings, etc.

5. The writer believes that the ove conception is fully biblical. By plying the teachings of Jesus to r life, we learn that every indilual counts. Since a community nsists of associated individuals, rporate Christianity must partici:e in social action. Must Christian nciples remain isolated from the instream of life?

5. Matthew 5: 13-16. Luke 13: 20. ts 5: 29 (RSV). Acts 5: 25-29. ese texts bring out two basic apaches to influence public opinion.

1. The parable of the leaven shows ow the "Spirit of Christ" penerates the entire structure graduilly.

). The parable of light reveals that he illumination originating in the andle throws its rays all around, hus it not only gives light to the household but also exposes evil and sin.

c. The parable of salt, like the leaven, indicates the preserving power of Christian faith and indicates the deep influence of the Christian that permeates the life of society.

Discussion Questions

1. How can we, as Christian men, learn about the underlying social tensions, struggles, and competitions which give rise to propaganda efforts?

2. What are the strategies being used to influence our thinking?

3. How deep are we under the influence of foreign thinking? What is foreign thinking?

4. What avenues of social action are open to us?

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Poems and Pies

I had been typing away at an article and now it was completed. Exultingly I went into kitchen and announced to My Lady there, "I've finished my piece." Just as triumphantly replied, "I've finished my pie."

Now pieces in the study and pies in the kitchen go together. Creative folk who do up uscripts are sometimes wont to look down upon culinary artists who do up meals, and s sometimes poke fun at long-haired dreamers who frame essays but cannot fry an egg. whatever poems or pies, whichever our specialty, the Cult of the Study and the Cult of Stove need each other. Pieces would soon languish if there were no pies. And life is more meat—man does not live by bread alone.

There need be no warfare between the School of Martha and the School of Mary. Mary the meditative sort. I'll venture she could have written some good articles on those chats Jesus. But things would have been topheavy around Bethany if Martha had not been in kitchen. The kitchen almost got Martha down, at least once, but if all Marthas left the hen for good we would all be down.

Vance Havner, in **Rest for the Weary** (Fleming H. Revell Co.)

Scouting in the UCLA

By Dr. George A. Eichler

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The Scout Oath

The four-fold life expressed in the Scout oath and law is foreshadowed in the short history of the boyhood of Jesus—"and he grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man."

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Here we have expressed the following points:

1. Duty to God and country.
2. Social obligations to other people.
3. Mental development.
4. Physical development based upon clean life and due regard for the laws of health.

The Scout emphasis is upon a p gram of action in service. It is ficult for a boy to be sentimenta good, which suggests a negative passive attitude. A boy can disco good by doing good to others i program of active service which positive and not negative.

Voting Delegates

In the March issue of LUTHERAN MEN information concerning number of delegates permitted synodical Brotherhoods was not compl Each synodical Brotherhood is entitled to a minimum of two voting d gates. We insert the article in our constitution on Delegates.

Section IV. — DELEGATES

Item 1. The delegates to the Convention shall consist of the officers of The Brotherh members of the Executive Committee; and one delegate for each five hundred membe major fraction thereof in each active Synodical Brotherhood. Each active Synodical Bro hood shall be entitled to at least two delegates. Each active Congregational Brotherhoo men's organization shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred or major fra thereof of its membership. Each active congregational Brotherhood shall be entitled to at one delegate.

Item 2. A roll of the delegates to the Convention of The Brotherhood of The U Lutheran Church in America shall be prepared by the Secretary prior to every meeting facilitate this work the President of every active Synodical Brotherhood shall forward of the delegates elected by the Synodical and Congregational Brotherhoods together with registration fee for each, to the Executive Secretary of The Brotherhood of The United theran Church in America.

Lutheran Evangelism Mission

By Jack Oetgen

On the Winning Side

A 10-year-old boy of First Luther- Church, East St. Louis, stood up be commissioned with other lay aders for the LEM. He commented his pastor, "I am a lay leader, too." he lad reported each evening to rve as acolyte, and on Halloween went out early to "trick or treat" he could be at church for the vice.

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The LEM at Loogotee, Ill., had ople present from one to 91 years age. The 91-year-old woman, al- ough almost too ill to leave her use, felt her presence was impor- t and made a special effort to end.

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Lay visitors in Barberton, Ohio, nd the auto of their prospects led when they called. The callers k the daughter to an important ool function. Later they learned t this non-Lutheran family admit- they were praying for the LEM.

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One woman attending an LEM in nois had told the pastor a year viously, "I'd be in hell first be- coming to Peace Lutheran rch." After attending two serv- , she promised the pastor she ld be back again.

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ne of the lay visitors in the LEM Mill Creek, Ill., was a blind per- son. Can we find a real excuse for *not* doing our part, too?

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Vaughn Truelove, lay chairman of St. Luke's, Albion, Ind., a congregation without a pastor, took time from his work to attend all meetings of the LEM with their missioner, even the mission to pastors.

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The missioner had chosen the theme "Light and Shadows in the Early Church" for his sermon. Just as the processional hymn started, the lights went out. The men who were putting in a new light blew a number of fuses. Shaking hands after the service as the light went out again, the preacher said, "See, that is always the Christian experience: light and shadows." (Paducah, Ky.)

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A prayer committee chairman and his wife in Dixon, Ill., were lay visitors on Monday evening. On Thursday a son was born. The happy father remarked, "We didn't get to do much calling, but we got one new member for the church."

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A husband who had been attending the LEM with his wife said, "Yes, I like to go, for I am a Lutheran." His wife: "What?! You're a Lutheran? Why, so am I." They had been married two years.

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Education for Living

By Earl S. Rudisill

Cross-examining Ourselves

Do you ever talk to yourself? Have you ever written notes to yourself in order to remember something you have promised to do? Have you asked yourself questions? It may not be so good to talk to ourselves, but it is worth while to write ourselves memoranda, and it is commendable to question ourselves. It certainly is less embarrassing to question self than to be cross-examined by someone else, and it may forestall trouble before it descends upon us.

Am I growing? That's a good query, and it has a number of angles. Here are some of them: Do I know myself better than last year? Do I understand other people better? Do I know more and reason better? Am I an adult or a child in the realm of feelings? Am I ready to make necessary compromises? Am I developing worth-while skills? Am I willing to change my viewpoints? How am I progressing in regard to habits? It's good to raise such questions, but it's even better to force oneself to answer them.

How do my students see me? Does their pictures of me resemble my image of myself very closely? Sometimes a group's reactions tell more about that than any words, if we are ready to interpret them. We should all realize that our own opinions of ourselves are not too reliable. We like ourselves pretty well. We need to know how others view us, evaluate those opinions, and profit by them as far as possible. One may assu a "hard-boiled" attitude towa others' opinions, but, as a rule, had better give them honest co sideration, and, if justified, try make some changes in ourselves.

What are the real sources of troubles or problems? They probab seem external—due to some one e or the environment. But very oft their causes lie within. If we are he est self-searchers we can usually fi them. We must not excuse oursel too readily, but, of course, it is j as unreasonable to condemn self less the evidence is against us. need be, we had better "take medicine," swallow our pride, a remake within us whatever has go awry.

What must I do in order to se better? The sincere leader is bou to raise this question. He may able to work out the answer for hi self. If not, he can consult with pastor or with some other leader

hom he has confidence. Eagerness r self-improvement is a valuable rsonal quality. Regardless of any sistance we may receive from hers, improvement calls for per- nal application—it's something no e else can do for us.

An important matter, often neglect- , is intelligent use of time. Time is highly valuable resource which we nnot afford to waste. We are not ee to use it on worthless enter- ises or others of little significance. r each of us our allotment of time getting shorter and shorter, and ere is much to do. We have to kon with these facts.

Do we see things to do? There are persons who, in home and church, can walk right over unperformed duties without even seeing them. A young girl, living in a pastor's home and going to school, was requested by her mistress to sweep out the bathroom. She did so, in a literal sense —left the pile of dirt just outside the door, walked over it, and thought she had done her duty. Workers in the church may be just as blind at times, though the tasks may be of a very different character.

Cross-examination is in order—and self-improvement.

News About Men

In the Congregations

First English, Omaha, Nebr., re- rts a fine year in which the men rchased softball equipment, finan- lly supported the church picnic and annual Thanksgiving dinner. Ted llard is president.

New Brotherhoods were organized *Second Lutheran* and *Jerusalem theran* churches, *Baltimore, Md. C. Zahn* and *Herb Kelch* are presi- nts respectively . . . *St. Andrew's, ltimore*, also was organized with *de Krause* as president.

St. John's, Hagerstown, Md., hon- d their Boy Scouts at their Janu- meeting and held a ladies night February . . . *Gethsemane, Balti- re* purchased new robes for the ior choir and established a blood nk.

Holy Trinity, Beaver, Pa., conduct- the *King's Men* program recently. This is the Brotherhood of which ULCA Brotherhood VP *Russ Barley* is a member . . . *Grace, Allentown*, men sponsor the church paper, GRACE HERALD, according to the masthead of the paper . . . *St. Paul's, York, Pa.*, recently heard Dr. Wm. Waltemyer of the Gettysburg College faculty. Men from the entire county were invited to attend.

Christ Lutheran, Buffalo, men held the sixth annual community breakfast in which almost 300 men participated from 27 churches of various protestant groups . . . *St. Paul's, Eggertsville, N.Y.*, sponsored the communion breakfast for the men of their congregation recently.

Among the Conferences

The *East Allegheny Conference, Central Pennsylvania Synod*, recently held three county meetings of men, reports *President Emerson Crum* . . .

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Efforts are being made to organize a *York Conference Brotherhood,* according to the *Rev. Franklin Patschke* and *W. Carl Scott . . . Greensburg Conference, Pittsburgh Synod,* held its spring rally May 3. President *Wesley Henry* reports a number of new units in process of organization.

Minnesota State Brotherhood announces their annual spring dinner to be held in the Twin Cities area in late April. Executive Secretary Logan met with the Executive Committee on Easter Monday.

Wisconsin State Brotherhood used the month of March for special emphasis on their birthday plan to gather dollars for home missions in the synod of the Northwest. *Sam Wilch,* ardent worker for this cause reports more than $2,300 given to missions. *Illinois Brotherhood President Luther Arneson* was appointed to the executive committee of the Lutheran Council of Greater Chicago recently.

New York and New England Synod Brotherhood reports encouraging response from some congregational units for the Special Project Advance. The monies received go for Boy Scouting and a confidential fund for the president of Synod. The annual convention will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Syracuse, May 10-12.

Georgia-Alabama Synod Brotherhood convention received a report of steady and continuing growth as it met at Augusta. Based on contributions forwarded to the ULCA Brotherhood let's look at the splendid record:

1946	$ 20.00
1947	32.00
1948	228.00
1949	193.00
1950	257.00
1951	349.00
1952	378.00
1953	462.00
1954	544.00
1955	411.00
1956	600.00

For 1957 they adopted a budget which included the $1.50 for the ULCA Brotherhood and determined to increase their membership. *Walter Reiser* of Augusta is president.

lew England Conference, N.Y. & . Synod, held their spring con- tion at Trinity, New Haven, April Speaker was the Rev. John Christ New York City. President *Roger dgren* reports a new constitution acted upon at the meeting and icers elected for the coming nnium.

New York Conference, N.Y. & N.E. iod, met at Christ, Great Kills, ten Island, on April 27. The Sec- Project came in for emphasis as *dy Ridberg,* conference president, sided.

Southern Conference, Pacific South st Synod, Brotherhood, elected the llowing as its officers for 1957: *bert Brammer,* Altadena, presi- nt; *Jim Hartman,* Huntington Park, e president; *Dave Goodman,* Van ys, secretary, and *Don Farmer,* Inglewood, as treasurer. The spring meeting was a father-and-son dinner at Glendale. Plans were made for the annual retreat at Camp Yolijwa. *Baltimore District,* Maryland Synod, reports resignation of President *George Muth* due to ill health. Vice President *Henry Schweiger,* former secretary of ULCA Brotherhood, is assuming leadership until the election of a new president.

Among the Synods

Canada Synod Brotherhood recently honored the Rev. Henry Nuhn for his leadership in the executive committee as he left for a new parish. They set their convention for May 25-26 at New Dundee. Dr. Wm. Stackel of Rochester, N.Y., and Dr. J. Roy Houser of Waterloo Seminary will be speakers. This is the 30th annual convention of this group.

$10,000-Gift Giver Receives Honorary Life Membership

J. Hillory Frye (left), who gave $10,000 to the Loan and Gift Fund last year, was pre- nted with an Honorary Life Membership in the Brotherhood at the January dinner meeting the Brotherhood of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Hickory, N. C. The certificate and n were presented by J. R. Stiles, local Brotherhood president, standing at the right. The eaker for the occasion was the Rev. Raymond A. Petrea, pastor of St. Timothy Lutheran urch, Hickory. Also present was Dr. J. Lewis Thornburg, supply pastor for St. Stephen's. ated in the picture is H. D. Fry Sr., an outstanding worker and contributor to the Brother- od.

News and Views From Headquarters

By Howard L. Logan

Dr. Phares Beer of Allentown, Pa., was the first man to register for our Pittsburgh Convention. May this serve as a reminder that you may register at anytime. Delegate's fee is $5 and visitor's is $2. Every congregational unit is entitled to a minimum of one delegate and every synodical unit is entitled to a minimum of two delegates. Visitors from congregations without affiliated men's groups are welcomed.

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Recently we have mailed a list of suggestions for *Lutheran Men* reporters to them and to the presidents of synodical units. Also a schedule for sending reports from their areas was included. If your representatives do not send us the information we cannot print it. Perhaps you can help. Send us unusual events in your local group too.

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Word has been received that the Rev. Charles E. Johnson, executive secretary of the ELC Brotherhood with offices in Minneapolis, has resigned effective June 30. The Rev. Mr. Johnson, affectionately called "Cully," has given devoted service to the cause of men for ten years. He returns to a San Francisco parish after having seen the ELC Brotherhood accomplish much under his leadership. Recently he was granted the Antelope Award for his service to boys.

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According to the latest report the "Manifested Life of the Chur (ULCA) more than 40% of our l tors were participating in the ministration of Boy Scout activi in their communities. We believe t is a very high percentage and in cates a growing interest in the Sc movement.

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Sometimes we forget that Luth ans are taking important posts government at all levels. Geo Leader is governor of Pennsylvar Ernst F. Hollings is Lieutenant G ernor of South Carolina. Prent Cooper is a former governor of T nessee. All of these men are act ULCA members. And now cor word from Ohio that James Burt treasurer of the synod's Board Home Missions has been appoin an assistant to the governor of Oh We need to encourage our men serve in government at all levels.

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Word has been received from the Board of Stewardship and Congregational Life of the Ohio Synod that one of its committees is recommending the formation of an Ohio Synodical men's organization. If the synod approves this recommendation it is expected that the organization will be effected this summer and it is hoped that they will seek membership in the ULCA Brotherhood. Some 25 or more congregational units are affiliated with the ULCA Brotherhood in the Ohio Synod. Dr. Amos Traver, former editor of LUTHERAN MEN, and Leo Schwerin, director of the Board of Stewardship and Congregational Life, have been most helpful in planning.

Recently elected Virginia Synod otherhood President Don Kull has rted using the "newsletter" idea to p the men informed about Brotherod activities in his synod. We need stantly to tell the people, in this e, the men, what's going on. The rginia Brotherhood plans again to ist in the home mission program the synod.

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Evangelism Director J. H. Oetgen ended the Board of Social Mis-n's Conference for Evangelism nodical Chairmen recently in lumbus, Ohio. Jack Oetgen is nning along with his department mbers a strong emphasis next spring on the King's Men program. This can be a permanent part of the continuing program of evangelism in the congregation. Watch for more information of this emphasis. Check with synodical leaders as to what they are doing about using the program.

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Executive Secretary Logan visited the North and far West for two weeks after Easter. Meetings were held with men at Minneapolis, Fargo, Billings, Seattle, Spokane, Portland, Chehalis, Medford, Sacramento, Fresno, Los Angeles and Phoenix. Mr. Logan also represented the Luther League of America at the Pacific Synod Luther League convention at Spokane.

In the "Fifty or More" Members Class

The following men's groups rted a membership of fifty or more the calendar year 1956. May this increase during 1957. Is your up among this list? Report any ors to the New York office.

rist, York, Pa.
inity, St. Petersburg, Fla.
ronsburg Parish, Millheim, Pa.
morial, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mark's, Hagerstown, Md.
inity, Taneytown, Md.
St. John's, Concord, N. C.
Emmanuel, High Point, N. C.
St. Luke's, Cuyahoga Falls, O.
Redeemer, Atlanta, Ga.
St. Mark's, Washington, Ill.
Luther Place B.C., Washington, D.C.
St. John's, Hagerstown, Md.
First, Waterbury, Conn.
St. John's, Rochester, N. Y.
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St. Paul's, Lititz, Pa.
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Immanuel, Manchester, Md.
St. John's, Union City, N. J.
Holy Trinity, Hickory, N. C.
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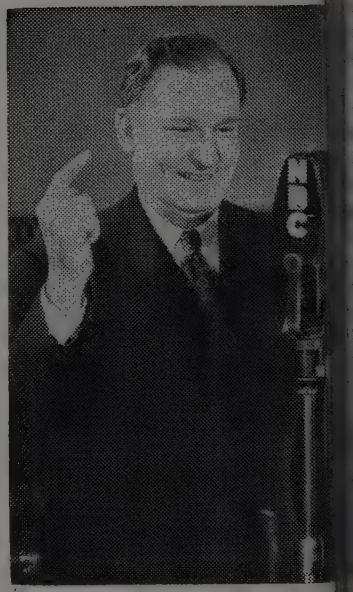
St. Paul's, Funkstown, Md.
Immanuel, Meriden, Conn.
St. Luke's, New Rochelle, N. Y.
Trinity, Staten Island, N. Y.
Holy Trinity, Gastonia, N. C.
First, Greensboro, N. C.
St. Peter's, Salisbury, N. C.
Zion, Wilmington, Del.
Calvary, Laureldale, Pa.
St. Andrew's, Perkasie, Pa.
Trinity, Pottsville, Pa.
First, Warren, Pa.
St. Matthew's, Charleston, S. C.



Everett Mitchell

Everett Mitchell, nationally kno
Lutheran layman and director of
National Broadcasting Compan
National Farm and Home Hour, w
be the keynoter at the ULCA Broth
hood Convention in Pittsburgh, P
Oct. 17-19.

President of the Lutheran L
men's Movement for Stewardship, M
Mitchell established in 1952 the
nual Stewardship of Life awards
encourage young men and women
live as Christian stewards, "pract
ing their faith in home, communi
church, and in business and the p
fessions." He has served as a chur
councilman, as member of the Boa
of American Missions, and on t
Stewardship Committee of the Illinc
Synod.

Mr. Mitchell has been one of the on's foremost radio authorities on iculture since his inauguration of early midwestern farm program years ago. In one year he covered 00 miles traveling to Europe and Far East to help those countries n more about modern American hods in farming.

His official title at NBC in Chicago Director of Agriculture and, he s, "In my public relations capacity NBC, I have a great opportunity further the work of the church." rough his broadcasts and his fa- us greeting, "It's a beautiful day Chicago!" he has brought cheer l bits of his Christian stewardship losophy home to millions of eners.

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Georgia-Alabama Prefers "United Lutheran Men"

Meeting on the outskirts of the od, the Thirteenth Annual Con- tion of the Georgia-Alabama otherhood was smaller than usual. there was nothing lacking in en- siasm, and a definite air of prog- s prevailed.

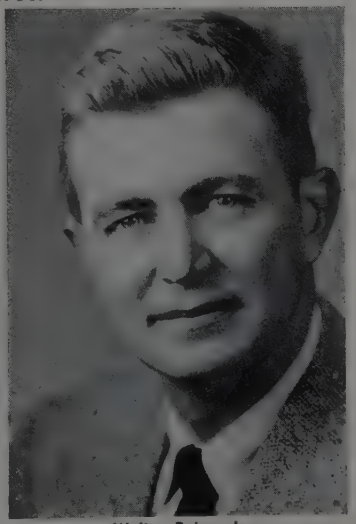
Howard Logan, executive secretary, lressed the convention banquet, nging a stirring message followed a most enjoyable "open forum," en he answered many questions. is forum brought favorable com- nts from both delegates and pas- s as a most beneficial contribution the convention.

David H. Blomstrom, president, nounced that the Georgia-Alabama otherhood now has 600 active mbers, an increase of 33% over t year. New Brotherhoods were ganized in four congregations dur- g the year. He told delegates that most of our growth was from Brotherhoods of newly organized missions and that each Brotherhood should be concerned about its growth.

Scouting in the synod is being given promotion on many occasions and we now have ten scout troops. Delegates were urged to get organize a scout troop if they could get eight or twelve boys to begin with.

Under the convention theme, "Men in Action," three most educational and inspiring workshops were presented along with a presentation of the coming Sector Plan.

After considerable discussion a budget of $2409.00 was adopted. Delegates were reminded that Georgia-Alabama ULCW contributed an average of $7.17 per member during 1956.



Walter Reiser Jr.
New President

Delegates were pleased to learn that their memorial to the Kitchener Convention has been approved and

that the Executive Board of the ULC had commended the Brotherhood for its desire to serve the church by contributing to its TV and Radio Ministry. They were urged to give liberally when the program is presented at their Brotherhood meeting.

Discussion toward the close brought the unanimous consent of the convention to have its delegate to the Pittsburgh Convention work for the adoption of the name "United Lutheran Men" in the proposed constitution instead of the recommended "United Lutheran Church Men." Delegates felt that ULM was a more suitable name for publicity, it tied into our magazine *Lutheran Men;* they did not want to follow "the women," and the name "United Lutheran Church Men" would many times be referred to as MOC (Men of the Church) and that did not appeal to them.

Walter A. Reiser, son of a form pastor of the host church, Resur tion, Augusta, was elected preside Enoch P. Berry, Cullman, Alaba vice president; A. B. Conaway, vannah, secretary; C. R. Kraus, (p president) Atlanta, treasurer. Rinkard, Birmingham, Alabama, a Jerry Butt, Albany, Georgia, w elected to the Executive Committ Delegate elected to the Pittsbu Convention was Walter A. Reiser w David H. Blomstrom alternate.

The convention voted to hold 1958 convention at Our Savi Church, Albany, Georgia.

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She Can Be Trusted

Mother was warning little Nancy to be c ful before crossing the street.

"Oh, don't worry," assured the girl, "I ways wait for the empty space to come b

Scout Kenneth McIlvried is First in His Cchurch to Receive Pro Deo et Patria Award

Kenneth McIlvried, member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland, Pittsburgh Pa., the Rev. Luther E. Fackler, pastor, is the first Scout of the congregation to receive t Pro Deo et Patria Award. Since Kenneth is a member of Explorer Post 175, Bellevue, t Post advisor, James Kratt, and the entire post, together with the congregation's Boy Sco Troop and Cub Pack were guests at the special presentation service last December 30. Th award winner's special project was a composition on the life of Martin Luther. On vario camping trips the Scout has acted as chaplain for the Post. Kenneth has a brother attendi the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

Left to right: Mr. Kratt, Kenneth, Pastor Fackler, Kenneth's mother, and Robert Tuttl scoutmaster of the local troop.

Canada News

Brotherhood Convention

Dr. William Stackel, Rochester, ., will speak at the 30th annual vention of the Canada Synod therhood at St. James Lutheran rch, New Dundee, the Rev. Hel- h Saabas, pastor, May 25-26. piration and challenge for our fu- program will be provided at the kshops. "Homeward Thoughts" be given by Dr. J. Ray Houser, sident of our seminary in Water- The Rev. Delton Glebe, Mount n Lutheran Church, Waterloo, will the chaplain. Theme of the con- tion will be "Rise Up."

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Forward With Christ" is the ne for the 1957 ULCA Brother- d convention to be held in Pitts- gh, Pa., Oct. 17-19. A bus has n chartered from Kitchener. Re- ve your accommodations early.

Lutheran Rally

The annual rally sponsored by the odical Brotherhood will be held e 16. The Rev. F. J. Jensen of St. k's, Kitchener, will speak. The y will be held at Edgewood Park, n Mills.

Local Briefs

Mount Zion, Waterloo, organized a therhood and affiliated with the odical and ULCA groups.

St. John's, Waterloo, showed the film "This Way to Heaven" at their meeting after the Lenten service on March 13, with 50 in attendance.

St. James, New Dundee, entertained the Brotherhood of Trinity, Sebastopol, on Feb. 5, showing the film "Harvest of Years."

St. Peter's, Kitchener, heard the Rev. John Schmieder of St. Matthew's speak about the experiences of the first Lutheran settlers and pastors in Canada.

St. Stephen's, Kitchener, had the Rev. Norman Berner speak to them on the need for men in the ministry. The film "45 Tioga Street" was shown at the annual father-and-son meeting, to 60 persons.

St. John's, Waterloo, heard the Rev. C. S. Roberts, associate pastor, speak on the history and progress of the local Brotherhood.

St. Matthew's, Kitchener, heard Paul Jagdhar, pre-theological student at Waterloo College, speak about his native British Guiana at the March meeting.

The Executive of the synodical Brotherhood presented the Rev. Henry Nuhn with an Honorary Life membership in the ULCA Brotherhood prior to his departure for Sudbury.

Today's Youth

About today's college students, there are conflicting reports. But on one point teachers, ors, and parents seem to agree: This generation of collegiates are not credulous and re; they are instantly suspicious of easy solutions for hard problems. They are not acted by sanguine assumptions like the Communist dogma that the abolition of private perty will make all men happy and well behaved. They don't go for theories of social nstruction based on reshuffling and rigging. They seem to know that even the most care- y planned arrangement of bad eggs won't make a good omelet.

James W. Hoffman, in **Mission: U.S.A.,** Friendship Press

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An Active Local Brotherhood

The Brotherhood of First English Lutheran Church, Wheeling, W. Va., submitted to the congregation the following report of its activities in 1956:

1. Sponsored in September a dinner for the young people, high school graduates, college students, and those about to enter college. Those entering college were presented with Bibles. This will be an annual affair.

2. Sponsored in November a game dinner for the church members, to promote fellowship and to entertain guests who might become church members.

3. Contributed $25 toward benevolence.

4. Three Brotherhood men, Mr. Broder, Mr. Myer and Mr. Marvin Finney, gave $150 to Camp Luther, primarily to replenish athletic supplies.

5. Nine members of the Brotherhood serve on the church council: Carl Whitehouse, Paull Spring, Don Warden, Tom Warden, Oscar Burton, Earl Gross, Marvin Finney, Joe Weishar, Fred Hegmann.

6. Two members serve on the synodical Brotherhood executive committee: Paull Spring and Fred Hegmann.

7. One member serves on the [illegible] tional committee for membersh[illegible] Fred Hegmann.

8. One serves on the Camp Lut[illegible] board and will act as dean of juni[illegible] at the camp this year: Fred Hegma[illegible]

9. Two members are on coll[illegible] boards: Carl Christianson and P[illegible] Spring.

10. One member is church sch[illegible] superintendent: Carl Whitehouse.

11. Four of our men sing on [illegible] choir: Marvin Finney, John Nieh[illegible] Carl Whitehouse and Fred Hegma[illegible]

—Fred Hegmann

Three Pro Deo et Patria Awards Granted at One Service

The Pro Deo et Patria Award was given three Scouts of Holy Trinity Lutheran Chu[illegible] Irwin, Pa., the Rev. Everett R. Smail, pas[illegible] on Feb. 10. The Scouts receiving the awa[illegible] on Boy Scout Sunday were William Borl[illegible] John Borland, and William Bruggeman. [illegible] liam and John Borland each constructed[illegible] altar and cross for the nursery and prim[illegible] departments of the Sunday School. Will[illegible] Bruggeman wrote an essay on the life [illegible] Martin Luther. In addition to the proje[illegible] each boy gave 150 hours of service to [illegible] congregation.

Lutheran Assembly to Seek Aid of Twin Cities Boy Scou[illegible]

Some 3,000 Twin City Boy Sco[illegible] and adult Scouters will be soug[illegible] for service during the forthcomi[illegible] Assembly of the Lutheran Wo[illegible]

eration, August 15-25, in Minpolis.

The Scouts will be recruited from l troops in cooperation with the ing and Indianhead Boy Scout ncils in Minneapolis and St. Paul, pectively.

couts will be asked to serve as riers operating from a central sage center in the Minneapolis litorium during Assembly plen- (business) sessions.

Explorer (older) Scouts will staff eral mobile first-aid units and aid ions to be located at points where e public meetings have been eduled during the 11-day Luther- conclave.

Boy Scouts will also carry flags some 62 nations expected to be resented at the Assembly, during cessionals and other internatio--oriented events.

Local scout troops will be asked to assist in preparations for "Children's Day" during the Assembly, which will feature special exhibits for Sunday school-age youngsters, as well as a 'teen-age' youth parade through the Minneapolis downtown area on Sunday, August 24.

Heading a committee for these purposes is Loren M. Ness, Minneapolis, chairman of the National Lutheran Committee on Scouting.

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United Lutheran Church Receipts Reach New High

Apportionment receipts from the 32 constituent synods of the United Lutheran Church in America reached an all-time high during 1956, the treasurer of the church disclosed.

Dr. Edmund F. Wagner, New York, the treasurer, announced that the total giving for all the world-wide causes of the church exceeded the $10,000,000-mark for the first

Pro Deo et Patria Award Given in St. Stephen's, Lenoir, N. C.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Lenoir, N. C., the Rev. Clayborne S. King, pastor, pre- ed the Pro Deo et Patria Award to Life Scout Bruce Atwood Dalton Jr., on Feb. 17. presentation was sponsored by the Brotherhood of the church. For his project Scout Dalton a beautiful walnut-stained cabinet for the nursery department of the Sunday School. utmaster Stanley Rash presented Scout Dalton to Pastor King, who made the award. or King requested Mrs. Bruce Dalton, mother of the Scout, to pin the medal on his ket flap. Standing with him were two holders of the Pro Deo et Patria Award, Eagle Scouts my Abernethy and John Hollifield. Life Scout Dalton received his Eagle Award on ch 26.

Left to right: Scoutmaster Rash, Pastor King, Mrs. Dalton, Scout Dalton, Eagle Scouts rnethy and Hollifield.

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Apportionment receipts from the 32 synods in the U. S. and Canada were $7,115,049.66, an increase of 19.33 per cent or $1,152,349 over the $5,962,700 receipts in 1955.

The 4,500 congregations of the ULCA also contributed $1,582,244 to Lutheran World Action and $1,314,427 for other special causes, bringing the total receipts to what President Franklin Clark Fry acclaimed as a "triumphant total of $10,011,720," compared with $8,642,134 in 1955.

"The advance of almost 20 percent in giving by the congregations of the United Lutheran Church in America indicates our concern to carry the Gospel to those beyond our own communities and borders," Dr. Henry Endress, executive director of the Department of Stewardshi said. "Not only did we provide bas budgets for every cause of the Unit Lutheran Church but by the $1,15 349 increase in apportionment r ceipts the church was able to provi additional funds to meet a part the $750,000 emergency needs r ported by our American, foreign a social mission and education boards

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Large Gifts for Religious Purposes

$50,000 for a chapel on Tok campus of International Christi University.

$18,600 to Salvation Army for nancing less-than-cost cafeteria.

$100,000 for office building f Greater New Orleans Federation Churches.

$140,000 to theological faculty the University of Chicago for spec studies.

Other items of finance:

Church World Service announc that the Protestant churches sent $ million in relief supplies overseas 1956.

New Church construction in Jan ary, 1957, totaled 68 million dolla as compared with 58 million in Jan ary, 1956, and 73 million in Dece ber, 1956.

Methodist Church Evangeli Leader states that there will be 38 million more Protestants in 20 ye and a need for 100,000 new church

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A Lutheran First

The first Lutheran pastor buried in No America was the Rev. Rasmus Jensen, w died at the Hudson Bay settlement on Feb ary 20, 1620.

Four Holders of Pro Deo et Patria Awards Meet at Citation Service
Scoutmaster Forrest Shealy (left) of Troop at Ascension Lutheran Church, Columbia, C., the Rev. Herman W. Cauble, pastor, shown looking at this church's four Pro et Patria Award holders. George Frederick tt III, (second from left) has just been rded the medal. His father (center), pro- or at Southern Seminary and holder of award since 1947, preached the sermon he citation service. On the right are Scouts k Taylor and Wilbur Smith, who received awards in 1955.

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ul T. Winter Urges Greater Interest in Boy Scouts

Paul T. Winter, of the Brotherhood he Michigan Synod, wrote:

coutting in the United Lutheran urch in America is a strong or- ization, but consistently needs ngthening by capable adult lead- boy leaders and committee mbers.

The boy is the primary objective. uting strengthens the boy in many s. This office seeks to organize uting activities in the churches of Michigan Synod. We have some churches in the synod, five of ch sponsor Scouting.

This office further promotes the ard program for outstanding adult dership, in the Lamb Award, and boys the Pro Deo et Patria ard, and the Lutheran Youth dership Award.

Information desired by sponsors of Scouting is available from its office upon request.

Churches that have active Brotherhoods should sponsor Scout activities, and churches not having Brotherhoods should organize the men and Scouting, with the Brotherhood sponsoring the Scout activities.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that this director serves the office of the Director of Scouting in the Michigan Synod Brotherhood, and we look forward to a good year in 1957.

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Boy Scout Activities in Fairmont, West Virginia

Boy Scout Troop 2, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Grace Church, Fairmont, W. Va., this year began its 29th year of activity. The Scouting program is participated in by 24 Scouts and nine Explorers.

Six Scouts advanced to Tenderfoot, six to Second Class, five to First Class, and five to Life Scouts. The Scouts and Explorers earned 71 merit badges. Five Explorers received the Emergency Service award. One Star Scout and two Explorers were given the Pro Deo et Patria award.

In community and church affairs, talks were given to civic clubs; the troop took an active interest in tree-planting, in the Red Cross, in "get out the vote," in TB seal sales, and in community chest drives, and many hours of work were given to cleaning around the church.

In adult training, the scoutmaster, assistant scoutmaster, Explorer advisors, and committee members attended 11 round-table meetings during the year, with an average of seven men at each discussion. Six Scouts took part in advanced leadership-

training courses. Four Scouts and five Explorers attended the Explorers' training course training school in Morgantown. Two Scouts received the Scouter's Award.

Members of the troop were honor guests at the father and son banquet held on Feb. 19 in the church. Zeb Trexler spoke on "The Boy Scout Oath and Law." The net profit from the banquet amounted to $75, which was turned over to the troop for its summer program.

Troop 2 is the second oldest of 125 troops in the mountain area of four counties in West Virginia.

—D. W. Reiter

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Do You Agree?

"A revival of the ancient tax custom of tithing is sweeping the Protestant churches of this country . . . It is estimated that one-sixth of Jesus' sayings deal with money, but he mentions tithing only twice, and in both instances in negative pronouncements . . .

"Tithing 'brings in grave probl of moral theology' says Jonathar Sherman, suffragan bishop of L Island Protestant Episcopal dioc 'People of tender conscience fe a hardship if they have small comes. Also it sets a low stanc for the rich' . . .

"Could it be that spontaneity not proportion of income is the Testament criterion of giving? Tithing is likely to lead to invidi comparisons . . .

"The so-called sector project is being developed this year by eral denominations . . . Its purp is to determine the talents and giv ability of each member . . . The gram sets up no hard-and-fast s dard of giving . . . It assesses e case individually. It aims simply reaching and using the person al with 'all his resources' . . ."

Hiley H. Ward, in
The Christian Cent

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th Eagle Award Given in St. Matthew's, Salisbury, N. C.

out David Morgan received the Eagle d at the morning service in St. Mat- s Lutheran Chuch, Salisbury, N. C., on h 3. A member of Troop 333, sponsored e Brotherhood, David is the ninth boy ceive the Eagle Award since the troop organized in 1950. David's father, John an, is pinning the award on his son Mrs. Morgan watches. W. Lee Kluttz is dent of the Brotherhood and institutional sentative on the troop committee.

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Books

Crisis in Communication

Christian Examination of the Mass a). by Malcolm Boyd. Doubleday. $2.95. pages.

is book certainly should be read by interested in newspaper, radio, and TV means of communication, whether his ess be religion or soap. It is an excellent ination of what mass communication ing and how it can exploit, tyrranize, fluence for good and bad.

ce the mass media are "evangelizing" r this cause and for that, the church learn a few lessons, too, on how to people. The author enumerates the nt-day attempts, especially those in e, to make "contact" with people who little if any understanding of Christian-

e book deals with the problem of how t a genuine message across.

unusual interest is the way the author s out the religious and theological im- tions in many of the movies and dramas have no religious labels attached to , but he points out the doubtful value me of the sentimental and sickly pre- tions which do have religious labels tied hem.

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Church people, believes the author, cannot afford to turn up their noses at the mass media, but should foster better relationships between themselves and editors.

—J. B. Mohr

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The Experiment of Faith

By Samuel Shoemaker. Harper. $1.50.

One of the Protestant Men's Work secretaries calls this the finest book that has been written for laymen in this decade. We wouldn't go that far, but we would concur that it is an excellent book. Dr. Shoemaker is one of those instrumental in establishing the Pittsburgh Experiment, referred to in the March issue of **Lutheran Men.** And much of the book takes experiences from the Pittsburgh Experiment.

The theme of the book is based on the Christian Life. And the subtitle is, "A Handbook for Beginners." The book does give help not only to beginners in the faith but to oldtimers too. And one of the emphasized points is the value of smaller units in the church. This is a book to help the individual who wants to help others through witnessing to them about Jesus Christ. The chapter heads adequately describe this small volume written by Episcopalian Shoemaker, who has written frequently on an evangelism theme. They are: What is Religion, How to Get Started Spiritually, How to Keep Going Spiritually, How to Win People for Christ and How to Work for Christ Through Your Job. For the man who feels he cannot spend much time reading here is a worthwhile book which requires little time but gives considerable satisfaction for the effort made to read it through.

Dr. Shoemaker says, for example, about our work, "I say without hesitation: there is nothing more 'spiritual' or holy about going to church than about going to the office, if you go to both places to serve and obey God." Or, "The spiritual opportunity that confronts a man in any kind of a job whatever is unlimited, if he has the imagination to see it and the courage to grasp it." We can recommend this book to you as a worthwhie expenditure of 90 minutes.

—Howard L. Logan

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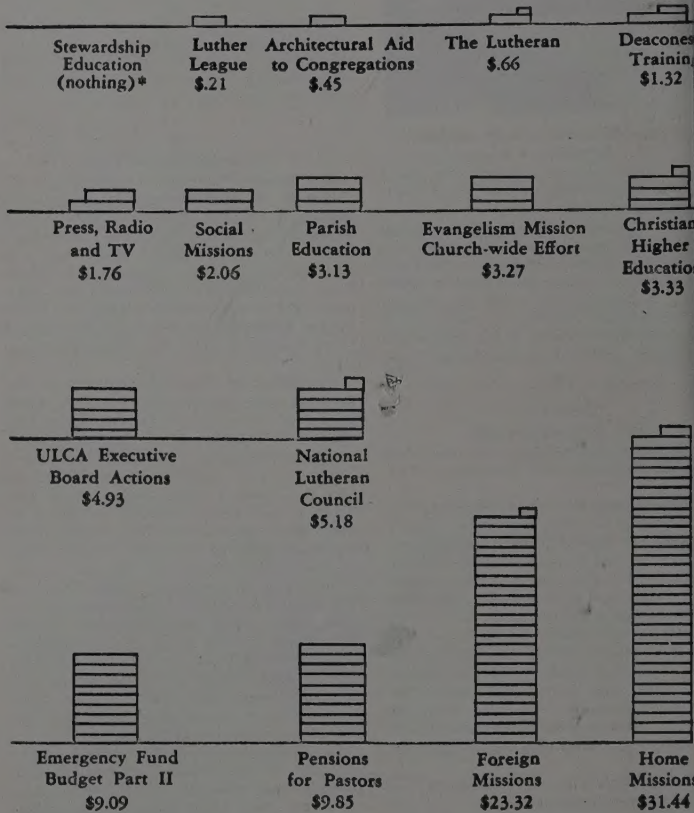

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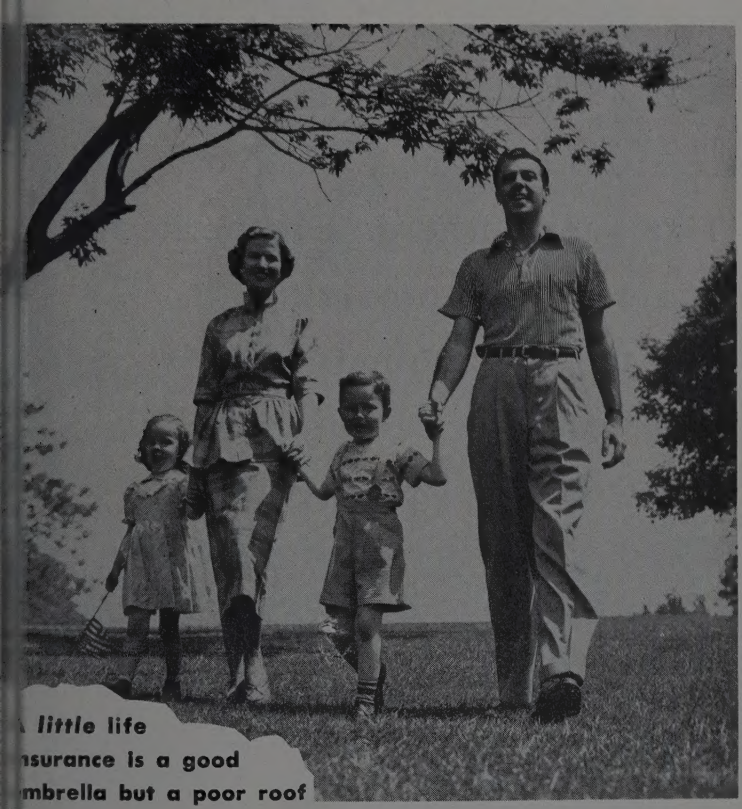

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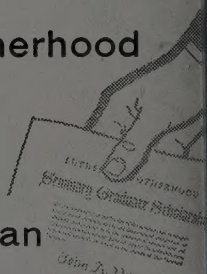

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